



**PATENT**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the September 27, 2004 office action, reconsideration of the rejections is requested based on the following remarks.